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- 1. WHILE REF B SUGGESTS GOI POSITION ON KOREA BECOMING MORE FAVORABLE, IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT INDONESIAN VOTE AGAINST NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION LIKELY COME ABOUT ONLY IF FOREIGN DEPARTMENT OVERRULUED. I HAVE BEEN EXPLORING SITUATION WITH INDONESIAN INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS WHO HAVE RECOMMENDED I SEE PRESIDENT SUHARTO. I HAVE DEFERRED FURTHER ACTION PENDING INSTRUCTIONS.
- 2. I SAW GENERAL MURDANI, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, J-1
 (INTELLIGENCE) OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND
 SECURITY (HANKAM) OCTOBER 15. (HE WAS FORMERLY INDONESIAN
 CHARGE KOREA). EXPLAINING IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES THIS
 ISSUE, I SAID I WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING
 INDONESIAN RELUECTANCE OPPOSE NORTH KOREA, HE SAID HE
 UNDERSTOOD PROBLEM AND THAT HE AND GENERAL YOGA, CHIEF
 OF STATE INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING AGENCY (BAKIN), HAD
 PREPARED MEMORANDUM FOR PRESIDENT OUTLINING IMPORTANCE
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TO INDONESIA OF PROTECTING SOUTH KOREA. BY INCLINATION,

PRESIDENT SYMPATHETIC, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EVENTS ON KOREAN PENNISULA AND JAPAN. HOWEVER, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT "DOESNT REALLY UNDERSTAND KOREAN ISSUE" AND STILL HANDLING MATTER WITH TRADITIONAL CONCERN FOR NON-ALIGNED SENTIMENTS. HE RECOMMENED I SEE BOTH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND GENERAL YOGA.

- 3. ON OCTOBER 16 I SAW GENERAL YOGA. HE SAID PRESIDENT HAS SPECIAL INTEREST IN SOUTH KOREA AND, IN FACT, YOGA HAD GONE AS SECRET SPECIAL ENVOY TO PRESIDENT PARK FROM SUHARTO TWO MONTHS AGO IN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE PARK TO VISIT INDONESIA. HE BELIEVED AND HAD SO INFORMED PRESIDENT THAT NORTH KOREAN VICTORIES IN NON-ALIGNED FORA, AND IN UNITED NATIONS, WHILE THEY MAY HAVE NO PRACTICAL EFFECT ON SITUATION IN ABSENCE SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION, GIVE NORTH KOREA PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST WHICH COULD WELL LEAD THEM TO TAKE ACTION AGAIST SOUTH, DESPITE RESTRAINTS OF RUSSIANS AND CHINESE. HE TOO SUGGESTED THAT, IN CONTEXT FOLLOW ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS AT CAMP DAVID, I SEE SUHARTO.
- 4. YOGA SUGGESTED THAT, IF I SEE PRESIDENT, EMPHASIS BE ENTIRELY ON PREVENTING NORTH KOREAN VICTORY ON THEIR RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD FURTHER INCREASE THREAT OF WAR AND INSECURITY OF SOUTH KOREA, PLUS HAVING DISTURBING EFFOECT ON JAPANESE POLITICS. HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED AGAINST ANY REFERENCE TO US-INDONESIAN BILATERAL TIES IN KOREAN CONTEXT IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT.
- 5. IT IS CLEAR THAT TWO TENDENCIES EXIST HERE WITH RESPECT KOREAN ISSUE AND PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET TIPPED HIS HAND. DIRECT APPROACH TO PRESIDENT, IF NOT PROPERLY ARRANGED, RUNS RISK OF BEING RESENTED BY MALIK AND, POSSIBLY, OF COUNTER REACTION BY PRESIDENT TO WHAT HE MIGHT REGARD AS "PRESSURE." WE COULD LOSE VOTE ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WHICH IS TILL IN BALANCE.
- 6. IF DEPARTMENT CONCLUDES APPROACH TO SUHARTO ON KOREA ALONE DESIRABLE, THESE RISKS COULD BE MINIMIZED IF (A) I INFORM MALIK IN ADVANCE THAT I HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO SEE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENT AT PRESIDENT FORD'S REQUEST FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION KOREAN ISSUE IN CONTEXT CONTINUING DIALOGUE FOLLOWING CAMP DAVID AND (B) APPROACH BE ON BASIS OUR SERIOUS CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS FOR ASIAN COUNTRIES OF AGGRESSIVE NORTH KOREAN TACTICS, INCLUDING THEIR EFFORTS AT UN

7. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AND, IF I AM TO PROCEED, TALKING

POINTS IN ACCORDANCE APPROACH SUGGESTED BY GENERAL YOGA. NEWSOM	
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